Night landing facility at airports

330. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of airports in the country which do not have the night landing facilities;

(b) the steps taken by Government to provide night landing facilities at all the airports in the country;

(c) the estimated total cost of providing night landing facilities at all the airports; and

(d) the time likely to be taken to provide night landing facilities at all the airports in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) There are 13 operational airports namely Bhuntar (Kullu), Gaggal (Kangra), Jabalpur, Juhu (General Aviation), Kanpur (Indian Air Force), Kargil (Indian Air Force), Keshod, Kandla, Ludhiana, Pondicherry, Porbandar, Shillong (Umroi) and Shimla where night landing facilities are not available.

(b) to (d) It has been planned to provide night landing facilities by 2010 at an estimated cost of Rs. 17.84 crores at 11 airports, namely, Bhuntar (Kullu), Gaggal (Kangra), Jabalpur, Keshod, Kandla, Ludhiana, Mysore, Pondicherry, Porbandar, Shillong (Umroi) and Shimla. As and when operational necessity arises, the night landing facilities will be provided at remaining airports.

Surat Airport

331. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:
SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Questions 1866 and 3725 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th March and 29th April, 2008 and to state whether the project for the development of Surat Airport has been completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): Yes, Sir. After the completion of Major works like runway, apron with aerodrome lighting, the airport was made operational w.e.f. 06.05.2007. Later by 12.06.2008, the remaining important works viz. technical block cum control tower, terminal building, car park, road too were completed. Currently installation of ILS is in progress.

Appointment of Grade 9A officers

†332. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines had appointed officers in Grade 9A and assured to appoint them Assistant Manager two years after;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.